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CAMP GRACE

Camp Grace registration is open for all previous campers!

Please see page four of this newsletter for 2025 Camp Grace information.

Previous campers will receive registration materials by mail soon. All others can pick up registration materials in the office starting February 12.

Previous campers have the first opportunity to register before February 12 with form and first week's fee. After February 12, registration opens to current GLS families not previously enrolled in Camp Grace and the general public can register starting March 17.

Camp Grace WILL reach capacity, so please register as early as possible. Childcare spots are not secured until both the registration form and first week's fee are turned in.

Questions, please talk to Amy Hirsch.

FARGO FORCE TICKET S DUE JAN 13

Save the date for **Grace Night at the Fargo Force** on February 7. Ticket forms are due back on January 13.



OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Grace Lutheran School will host a kindergarten roundup for our current Pre-Kindergarten families on Thursday, January 30 from 4:30-6 pm. PreK families, watch for a postcard in the mail.

Other open house dates for new, incoming families are on January 27, February 20, and March 17. All from 4:30-6 pm. Send your family and friends!

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Volunteer Hours

Jan 13 - PTL Meeting 5 pm

Jan 25 - Winter Candyland

Carnival 11 am - 2 pm

Jan 26-31 - National Lutheran Schools Week

Jan 27 - Open House 4:30-6

Jan 30 - Kindergarten Round Up 4:30-6 pm

Jan 31: Ice skating 9:15 am

MIN 1: Chicken Taco

2: Ham Sandwich

TUES 1: Cheeseburger

2: Cold Cheese Sand.

WFN 1: Chicken Gravy

2: Sunbutter/Jelly

THURS 1: Spaghetti/Meatballs

2: Sub Sandwich

FR 1: Corn Dog

2: Turkey Sandwich

PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED FOR ICE SKATING TRIP AND SKI TRIP

Our students have two trips coming up that require parent drivers to make possible.

On **Friday, January 31**, all students will go to Scheels Arena for ice skating in the morning, leaving the school at 8:50 and returning at about 10:45.

On **Friday, February 7**, grades 4-8 will be going to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN, for their annual ski trip. This is an all-day outing.

If you can assist with either event, please contact your child's teacher.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteers help Grace Lutheran School run smoothly. We are so thankful for all of our volunteers, especially those who answer our call regularly.

If you are required to do volunteer hours in exchange for financial aid, you should be about halfway through your hours for the year. Emails will go out this month with total hours accomplished in order for you to plan the remainder of your hours this year.

If you have hours to report, use the link in the contact section or go <u>HERE</u>.

CARNIVAL HELPER SIGN UP

Please sign up here to assist with the carnival setup, cleanup, and food service on January 24 and 25. Carnival help qualifies for volunteer hours.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

See page three of this newsletter for all of the exciting faith-building activities our school will participate in during National Lutheran Schools Week. This is a nationwide celebration with thousands of schools celebrating at the same time

ICE SKATING AT SCHEELS ARENA

One of our NLSW activities is an ice skating outing to Scheels Arena. If your student has ice skates, please send them to school on Friday, January 31. If your student does not have ice skates, they will "skate" in snow boots at the arena. You do not need to purchase ice skates to participate (unless you want to).

PLEASE WELCOME CROSSPOINTE LUTHERAN CHURCH TO THE RED RIVER LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION!!!!



Crosspointe Lutheran Church of Fargo has officially joined the Red River Lutheran School Association! We are so excited to add this congregation to our Association, bringing the number of churches who own and operate Grace Lutheran School to seven.

Crosspointe was founded in 2008, several years after the Association was formed. It is located at 4550 37th Ave S in Fargo. It shares a building with the Good Samaritan Society. If you have interest or questions about Crosspointe, please contact them at office@crosspointelutheran.org.

The Red River Lutheran School Association consists of seven area LCMS churches: Beautiful Savior - Fargo, Crosspointe - Fargo, Grace - Fargo, Immanuel - Fargo, Our Redeemer - Moorhead, St Andrew - West Fargo, and Trinity - Sabin.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



Schedule of Events - January 27-31

Each day will begin with all-school devotions or chapel worship at 8:40 am. All are invited to spend time in the Word with us.

Penny Wars will take place from 7:30 - 8:30 am each day. See side bar.



Devotional Theme: Stripping Away

Hindrances

Dress Up: Workout Clothes **All School Activity**: Faith Fitness

Stations with Mr. G



Devotional Theme: Fixing Our Eyes

on Jesus

Dress Up: Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day,

and/or Mismatch Day

All School Activity: Sing-along



Chapel Theme: Enduring the Cross **Dress Up**: Grace Gear OR anything

blue and yellow

All School Activity: Bingo

1/30



Devotional Theme: The Joy Set Before

Us

Dress Up: All things neon, bright, tie

dye, or smiley faces

All School Activity: Afternoon Dance

Party

1/31



Devotional Theme: Running the Race

With Perseverance

Dress Up: Sports Jersey, Fandom

Day

All School Activity: Ice Skating at Scheels Arena (BYO Skates)

Penny Wars

Penny Wars is a friendly competition between classrooms to raise funds for a specific cause. This year, all funds raised during Penny Wars will be donated to the **Emergency Food Pantry**, an organization we work with frequently.

How Does It Work?

From 7:30-8:30 each morning, students may bring any type of money to put into jars located in the gym. Each classroom has one jar. Pennies INCREASE a classroom's total and silver coins DECREASE a classrooms total, meaning a student would put pennies into their own jar and silver coins into other classroom jars.

Dollars can be exchanged for "coins" to INCREASE or DECREASE a classroom's total. Checks can be brought on Friday to INCREASE a classroom's total.

Camp Grace 2025 Rates and Information

Camp Grace is located at Grace Lutheran School at 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo.

The first week's fee is due at the time of registration to guarantee a spot in Camp Grace.

<u>Openings</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>
Full time (breakfast, lunch & snack)	\$205/wk	7:30 AM – 6:00 PM	M-F
Part time - mornings (no PM snack)	\$130/wk	7:30 AM – 12:45 PM	M-F
Part time - afternoons (no breakfast or lunch)	\$130/wk	12:45 PM - 6:00 PM	M-F

^{*}Rates include breakfast, lunch, snack, activities, field trips, sunscreen, and bug spray unless otherwise noted.

Additional fees:

FACTS Returned Payment Fee \$15.00 per attempt \$1 for each minute late Swimming Lessons (optional) Actual cost of swim school

Parents and/or guardians agree to the following:

- 1. Camp Grace operates Monday, June 2 to Friday, August 22, 2025. Closed July 4.
- 2. Automatic weekly fees are paid in advance through our online payment portal, FACTS. **Automatic payment plans must be set up before the first day of camp.** Your child cannot attend Camp Grace until the payment plan is set up. The weekly fee will be withdrawn every Friday starting June 6 and ending August 15.
- 3. Enrollment in Camp Grace is for the entire summer. If you choose to withdraw early and another child is not available to take your spot, you will be responsible for paying the weekly fee until the spot is filled or August 15, whichever is first.
- 4. Parents are required to complete the Grace Lutheran School Emergency contact form, the Parent's Statement of Health of child, and a policy acknowledgement and handbook form. Each child must also have an immunization record and certified birth certificate on file.
- 5. The weekly fee will apply even if the child(ren) is absent.
- 6. Reimbursement will be expected for any damage to property caused by your child(ren) in excess of ten dollars.
- 7. Parent authorizes child(ren) to be transported by a Grace Lutheran School van. The van is in safe operating condition and in compliance with state and local laws. Staffing requirements will be met to assure the safety of children while being transported. No child will be left unattended in the vehicle. The children will be instructed on safe transportation conduct appropriate to their age and stage of development.
- 8. Camp Grace is available to children 4 to 12 years of age.